

[IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) An assembly comprising:

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a torpedo having a bell mouth adapter with a peripheral
shroud at an aft end of the torpedo;

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a receptacle for storing an elongated article in a multiple-
turn, multiple-layer configuration about a deployment
axis in a storage volume;

a generally cylindrical connector extending from the
receptacle and having a terminal front face and a
lateral peripheral surface, there being a ball-locking
ring assembly on said terminal front face and said
ball-locking ring assembly is engaged with the bell
mouth adapter of the torpedo;

a first elastomeric cushioning means mounted on the lateral
peripheral surface of the connector; and

a second elastomeric cushioning means mounted on a front
face of the first elastomeric cushioning means in outer

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axial relation to the ball-locking ring assembly and in
opposed relation to the shroud on the torpedo.
